



November 2022

The Candle

Pastor's Message

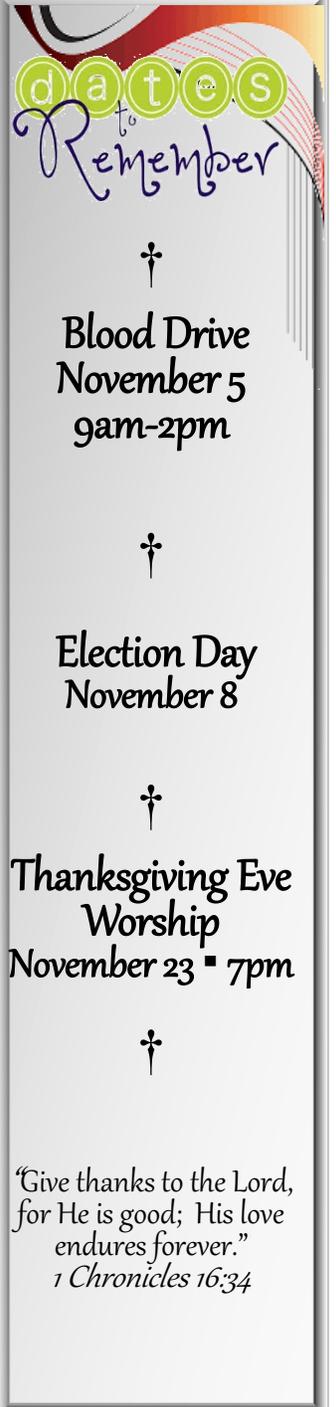
I hope that as we enter November you can take some time to reflect upon things in your life that you are grateful for and that, in doing so, you receive the benefits that come from being grateful. I touched on these benefits in a sermon just a couple of weeks ago when preaching on the story of the 10 lepers who were healed while only one returned to give thanks. Remember, there may have been good reasons that 9 of the lepers did not return to thank Jesus personally. And I am confident that Jesus did not stand around getting upset at the 9. However, Jesus, in this story did connect gratitude to faith and science has confirmed that living a life filled with gratitude brings many benefits physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Thus, I do not fret about whether I might seem "bossy" or that you might question my right to say, "Be Thankful!" -- while not even being aware of your current circumstances. The apostle Paul wrote in his first letter to the Thessalonians: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. One way in which we can give God thanks is in worship. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. I hope that you can join us in person as I am not sure that we will be live streaming this service.

Also, please note that there will be mid-week worship services during the season of Advent which begins on Sunday, November 27. The mid-week services will be at 7 p.m. every Wednesday November 30 – December 21. As last year, we will be using the Service of Word and Prayer out of the new ELCA worship resource "All Creation Sings" -- with a focus on prayer and meditation.

May God bless you as we enter this joyous Holiday season.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve



dates
to
Remember

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Blood Drive
November 5
9am-2pm

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Election Day
November 8

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Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
November 23 ▪ 7pm

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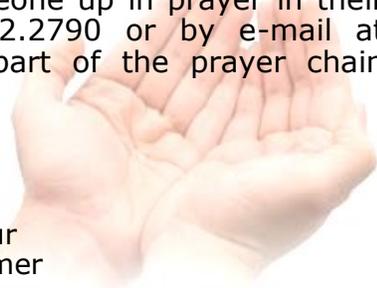
"Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love
endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

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Our Purpose: "Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all"

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY –The Brown Bag Bible Study group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 12-1:30pm – unless otherwise agreed upon in order to accommodate such things as conflicts with holidays etc. We are currently meeting on Zoom and will continue to do so indefinitely. Each month we will focus on a different book of the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation. This Bible study will be light and informal. In other words – FUN. You DO NOT have to be a Bible scholar to participate. There will be no books to purchase. Just bring your Bible. You DO NOT have to attend every session. If you have to miss one or more sessions, that will be no problem. Just dive back in whenever you can. If you are interested in participating, please call, email or text Tim Krueger or Becky Spudich. Their contact information is in the current church directory.

Prayer Chain

Do you wish to feel strengthened and fulfilled by offering your time to help others? Nothing could be more gratifying than lifting someone up in prayer in their time of need. Please contact Sue Keeley @ 440.862.2790 or by e-mail at suesworkout@gmail.com if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!



Pastor Prayer Intercessors

October 29-November 4	Deb Laukiavich
November 5-11	Barbara Zahn, Bev McArthur
November 12-18	Doreen Mattson, Isabel Tomer
November 19-25	Christine Noble, Mary Jo Jones
November 26-December 2	Jenny Dubeansky, Sara Coleman

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they, too, have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

- Author Unknown

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Points from your Parish Nurse

- ♥ November is Family Caregivers Month. It is important to know these top 10 tips for Caregivers:
 1. *Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone*
 2. *Take care of your own health so you can be strong enough to care for your loved one*
 3. *Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you*
 4. *Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors*
 5. *Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often*
 6. *Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it*
 7. *Be open to new technologies that can help you take care of your loved one*
 8. *Organize medical information so that it is up to date and easy to find*
 9. *Make sure legal documents are in order*
 10. *Give yourself credit for doing the best job you can in one of the toughest jobs there is*

- ♥ The Caregivers Support Group will meet on the second Thursday of the month, November 10 at 1pm at Advent. All information shared remains confidential. If you are a caregiver, please feel welcome to join us.

- ♥ Blood Pressure screenings are held on the third weekend of each month. Saturday, November 19 at 5pm, Mary Jo Jones will be available to check your BP and Sunday, November 20 at 10am stop by the Parish Nurse office after worship to get yours checked.

- ♥ Care Team Ministry will meet on Saturday, December 3 at 10am for our quarterly meeting. This will be our Christmas gathering and anyone interested in joining the Care Team Ministry is welcome to attend. We are in need of more volunteers. Stop by to learn more about our ministry and share in a continental breakfast and fellowship.

- ♥ November is also a time of Thanksgiving. There will be a service at 7pm on Wednesday, November 23 for us to give thanks to God for all our blessings. Hope to see you there. Have a blessed holiday!

- ♥ As always, When in doubt, Point to the Cross!

Your servant in Christ,
 Christine Noble, Parish Nurse

Care Team



Oct 30-Nov 12	Kay Smith, Kathy Jennings, Kathy Kling
Nov 13-26	Mary Jo Jones, Rose Schrum, Barbara Louis
Nov 27-Dec 10	Donna Conklin, Carole Niebes, Lee Sundblom

Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, November 5

9am-2pm

call 1.800.RED.CROSS

~or~ RedCrossBlood.org

Key word: Advent



"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Council Minutes - September

Approval of July Council Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Report: written report on file

- Pastor spoke to his written report

**Motion was made and seconded, and Pastor's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: (August report presented, but not finalized yet and not approved)

**Motion was made and seconded, and the July's Treasurer's report was approved.

Ministry Team Reports Received: W&M, Fellowship, H&W, Finance, Property (on file)

Old/Ongoing Business:

- **Live-Stream Ministry:** Mark Bond was hired to fill our Technology position; \$30/hour. Live-Stream one service a weekend at 9am; loading information for the Contemporary Worship service.
- **Youth Leader Update:** Pastor gave council an overview of Michael Martin (ordained pastor, but not actively pastoring), the candidate that will be presented in filling our youth ministry position. He was interviewed initially with Pastor, Sue and Lida and then a second interview with parents and youth, and additional members of the small team task-force. All are in agreement that Michael is a good fit. Pastor recommended him to the Exec team and then at Finance to discuss his salary. Finance recommended he start work on October 1, but he would like to begin now. Pastor will discuss with finance a half-month salary to be given.
**Motion was made to hire Michael Martin as our Youth Ministry Director, a 20/hour week position at \$25/hour, to be listed as housing allowance with a contract written; motion was seconded and approved.

- **Grant Money:** Denise discussed and presented a need from the Prescription Assistance Program (Drug Repository). Article on file. Program that accepts, stores, and dispenses unused medication (from Nursing Homes, etc) to those in need and cannot afford prescription medications. No controlled substances are dispensed. No "requirements" need to be met to receive medications and all is done through the mail. Currently serving 700 people, with the ability to serve up to 1400 people. 95% are elderly. Budget for this program is \$65,000/year. Funding for this program was lost and the organization will be forced to close at the end of September unless grant money is found. Discussion ensued about whether our grant money could be used to help fund this program, while the organization continued to find long-term funding. This program has been presented in the News Herald and on the news recently, as the drug aid program may come to an end with no funding. This is news-worthy and we would be interviewed as a grant money donator and allow us to challenge other area churches to also step in and help with funding. This meets 2 of our Strategic Objectives: working with the elderly and working with the poor.

**Motion was made to donate to the Prescription Assistance Program of Ohio, \$30,000 total for the Drug Repository Program, in increments of \$10,000 every 2 months; motion was seconded and approved.

With the total of the Grant Money being \$35,000 and only \$30,000 of it being designated to the Prescription Assistance Program, it was discussed the use of the other \$5000. Yvonne discussed the need to repair the front/back parking lot. Quotes were received.

**Motion was made to spend \$4500 from the grant fund, to NorthShore Asphalt to patch the front parking lot and hot crack the front/back parking lot; motion was seconded and approved.

- **Parsonage/Family Center Update:**

New business:

- **Key-Policy:**
- **October Ministry of the Month:**
- **Council Members going off/continuing on Council:**



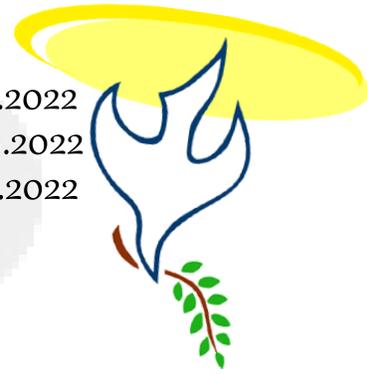
Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made, seconded, and meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Keeley, Council Secretary

****These are shortened minutes. Full minutes can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office or if you would like an electronic copy, please contact the office. Thank You.**

All Saints' Sunday ■ November 6

Ada Freese	12.9.2021	Judy Grove	7.18.2022
Howard Scott	12.17.2021	Esther Scott	7.29.2022
Elizabeth Weiss	1.26.2022	Roger Sicker	9.18.2022
Toni Seeley	2.2022		



We remember the saints who have entered rest this past year.

2022 Blessing of the Animals

The weather cooperated on Saturday October 8th and Pastor Steve was able to bless 8 dogs and 1 cat! We were pleased to welcome a visiting Boston Terrier named Athena and happy to celebrate her 12th birthday- with cupcakes, doggie treats and Cheetos Paws!

The Prayer Team



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 23 • 7pm

*Thank you,
Lord!*



Ministry News

RETIREE HELP NEEDED

The Property committee is looking for a few people who can be on call to meet contractors and repairpersons when they come to the church during normal business hours.

You would be given at least 24 hours notice and instructions on who, what and why you are meeting.

Please call Yvonne Kulma 440.552.6963 after business hours (9-6) if you can help or have questions.

Thank you for helping the church by giving your time in this way.



Message from Pastor Mike

One of my favorite Bible verses is found in Proverbs 22:6 - "Train a child in the way he/she should go and when they are old they won't depart from it."

Being invested in the church and all the classes, programs and fun are worth the investment! I am excited about the opportunity to serve and minister here at Advent.

I want to encourage all families to invest in being involved in our Confirmation class, Sunday school and all event & activities we will plan in the future. I believe God will bless your commitment to what our church offers!

This month (October) I have planned a few events—a Scavenger Hunt with our teens; and an all church trip to Patterson Farms with kids and families.

I am enjoying ministering here at Advent and getting to know the kids, families, volunteers and the congregation. I believe good things are in our future as a church!

Feel free to email me: *lbc mike36@gmail.com* or call/text me: 330.414.4446. My office hours are Mondays and Fridays from 10:30am-4:30pm. On weekends and various evenings, I will be attending the youth/teens events that they are involved in; and I will be at church on Sundays.

Have a great week and see you Sunday!
~ Pastor Mike

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION FORUM RESUMES

Is it possible to disagree politically and still love unconditionally? The Sunday morning adult education forum is exploring this topic each Sunday at 10:30am via zoom. This will involve a multi-week discussion of the book, *Not in it To Win It*, by Andy Stanley (the son of Dr. Charles Stanley). It is available at Amazon.com for \$15.42. If it better fits your schedule to participate from Advent, you can bring your own E-device and sign in from church. If you are interested in joining us, please call/text Tim Krueger at (440) 391-0369 so that you can be placed on our emailing list-which is how the zoom information is sent out. You may also email him at *LTCTKRUE@aol.com*.

Group Studies

Men's Studies



♦ **Retired Men's Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30am. If you are a retired man and would like to share your thoughts and discuss a wide variety of subjects, please join us.

We would welcome your participation.

Women's Studies

- ♦ **Sophia Project:** Meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.
- ♦ **Hope Circle:** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. All are welcome!



"...but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

Fellowship Opportunity on Saturday November 12

On Saturday, November 12 after the four o'clock service (approximately at 5:15, there will be a potluck dinner. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship with others that attend the service. A great opportunity to get to know the people that we worship with. Please bring a dish (side, dessert, main dish, whatever) to share. Plates, cups, napkins, drinks, and name tags will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Doering at: 440-379-7338 or by e mail cookimaker761@aol.com. We are hoping to make this a quarterly event.

It was a wonderful event!

Fellowship would like to say thank you to everyone that participated in the chili and pie bake off. First a big thanks to our judges, Pastor Steve, Pastor Larry and the new guy, Pastor Mike. You guys were wonderful and did a great job.

We want to congratulate Betty Steimle who was the winner of both the best chili and the best pie. Nice job Betty!!

We also want to thank all the participants for their great work. For chili the participants were: *Jean DeAlexandro, Gary Egner, Cherie Moore, Betty Steimle and Bob Tilton*. For the pies we had: *Jen Egner, Doreen Mattson, Kathie Hayden, Jeanne Ann Elkin, Betty Steimle and Paula DeLiello*.

Great job, and thank you all again.

God's Blessings,
Cherie Moore, Fellowship Ministry



Christmas will be here before you know it. The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to participate in a homemade cookie exchange in the Narthex on December 10 at 10am. We have great bakers at Advent. So start thinking of what you would like to make. We ask that you bring 3 dozen HOMEMADE cookies for the exchange. Bagels, fruit and coffee will be served. Come and join us for Christmas fellowship. I promise you won't want to miss this one!!

"...But with God, all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Community Outreach Update

Our community outreach ministry has been busy this year. Here are a couple highlights.

About 50 people participated in our ELCA Day-of-Service this year. We had 5 projects. The traveling choir lead by Doreen Mattson sang at Enclave at Newell Creek; Lida Mackey had a group making blankets for various charities; a group led by Bev McArthur made hospice pillows; another group led by Denise Janosko and Cheryl Manos packaged personal care items for Forbes House; and our last group was led by Becky Spudich. They did yard work and various projects at Jeanne Elkin's home.

Our joint food pantry with St Andrew Episcopal continues to serve neighbors in our community. Advent distributes food on the third and fourth Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. We provide food for 25 to 30 families or about 100 individuals per week. This is 4000 so far this year!

Advent's "Little Free Pantry" ministry started this summer. It is a big success. Thank you to Sterling Coleman for making the "pantry."

In the spring we participated in Hannah's Home's Baby Bottle Campaign. A total of \$879.58 was donated directly from Advent. Some members also donated directly to Hannah's Home as well.

Thanks to the many members of Advent who help our local community.

Polling Location at Advent

We will once again be a voting location for the upcoming elections on November 8.

We are excited about the many visitors that we will be having come through our doors on Election Day!



Did you know? Advent has a reputation for being famous for our election day SOUP AND BAKE SALE. In fact, one of our members was asked at the Senior Center if we were going to have our soup and bake sale this year, like I said we are famous for it.

We need your help! This year we are asking the congregation for donations of individual wrapped baked goods to sell at the bake sale. We sell them as a free will offering, with proceeds going to the Little Free Pantry and we would like to be able to make a large donation. All bakery donations can be delivered to the church as you come to worship or on Monday, November 7th between 9am-3pm. Please help with this special opportunity to help those in need.

Cherie Moore, Fellowship

Outreach

**Food Pantry (St. Andrew's)
Donations for the month of
November:**

**Soap &
Detergent**

**Volunteers
Needed**



Advent's Little Free Pantry

Our current needs are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, kleenex, bar soap, cereal (boxes or bags), baby food pouches, babywipes, instant potatoes, bread/bagels (will be offered on Mondays). There is a collection box outside the church office.

Please see the Weekly News sheets each weekend for our most current pantry needs. Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of those we are helping!

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." 3 John 2

Christmas Decoration Fund



Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Christmas Decoration Fund which will purchase wreaths, ornaments, ribbons and 2 small Christmas trees.

Our decorations were destroyed in the raccoon infestation in the Family Center this past Spring/Summer. Please take a paper ornament off the tree and return it to the offering plate with your donation and mark it **“Christmas Decoration Fund.”**

Amounts will be \$ 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and Other \$



Poinsettia's

This Christmas Season we will be decorating the altar area with 7 ½” Red Poinsettia's.

They will be \$10.50. Each pot will have 2 plants in it.

Order forms will be available the beginning of November.



Love

United in Marriage

Caitlyn Dubeansky
&
Tyler Thompson

October 15, 2022

**Congratulations &
God's Blessings!!**



Altar Flowers

November
6 Open
13 Open
20 Lenz
27 Open

**November Altar
Guild**
Nancy Marshaus



Upcoming Communion Bread Bakers

October 29/30
November 5/6
November 12/13
November 19/20
November 23
November 26/27

Leesa Mecozzi
Tracy and Charlie Ammon
TBA
Judy Ryan
Cathy Doering
Cathy Doering



Finance Update · September 30, 2022

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Balance 1/1/22	\$ 73,709.02	73,709.92	
Income	197,879.11	191,660.00	6,219.11
Expenditures	217,050.85	241,557.00	24,506.15
Ending Balance September 30, 2022	\$54,537.28	\$23,812.02	\$ 30,725.26

BUILDING FUND/ EXISTING MORTGAGE

Balance 1/1/22	\$2,451.18	\$2,451.18	
Income			
Expenditures			
Ending Balance September 30, 2022	\$ 2,451.18	\$ 2,451.18	No Mortgage

DESIGNATED/ RESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1/1/22	\$151,099.72
Income	23,598.70
Expenditures	59,198.84
Ending Balance September 30, 2022	\$115,499.58

Treasurer's Report with Fund Balances are posted at the end of each month on the council bulletin board in the hallway.

From the Office

Deadline Reminder:

Newsletter information: by the 15th of
the month

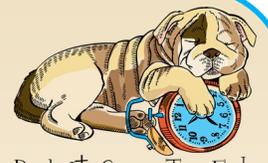
New Office Email Address:
adventmentoroffice@gmail.com

Sue Keeley's New Email Address:
suesworkout@gmail.com

**Please make note of the changes
Thank You!**

Fall Back

**Don't forget to turn
your clocks back on
Sunday, November 6.**



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34*

**To submit items to *The Candle*,
contact: Sue Keeley - Office Administrator at 440.257.5565
You may also e-mail your information to:
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 Praise Team Director: Tracy Ammon 749.0690
 Parish Nurse: Christine Noble 346.3120
 Youth Director: Pr. Michael Martin 330.414.4446

OFFICE HOURS

Administrative Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-5pm
 Friday: 9am-12pm

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am - 1pm / Friday: Day off
"It is always best to call in advance for an appointment as his schedule may take him out of the office even during these times"
 Cell phone: 440.710.4757 / Email: pastorstevebond@aol.com

Parish Nurse

Monday, 10am - 2pm

VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

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Doreen Mattson 946.5043

Worship Assistants

Becky Young 257.7578

Worship Tech

Altar Guild Chairperson

Becky Young 257.7578

Children's Choir Director

Jennifer Dubeansky 255.1468

Sunday School

Beth Hamilton 669.1902

Service Outreach

Food Pantry

Youth & Family Ministry

Beth Hamilton 669.1902

Prayer Ministry

• **Prayer Vigil**

Sue Keeley 862.2790

• **Prayer Chain**

Sue Keeley 862.2790

• **Healing Touch**

Christine Noble 346.3120

Meals for Members

Barb Caspell 440.840.5393

Barb Louis 352.7055

Youth Group

Pastor Mike Martin 330.414.4446

SuperLittles

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Barb Zahn 440.223.2852

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Christine Noble 346.3120

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Bonnie Reppert 336.2228

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Dated Material - October 24, 2022

Smile! Know that God Loves **You!**

ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Schedule

- ◆ Saturday's @4:00pm
Sunday's @9:00am ▪ Sunday's @11:30am
- ◆ Youth Sunday School ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:15am
- ◆ Adult Sunday School: ▪ Sunday's ▪ 10:30am

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Advent Welcomes You!

Welcome! With delight, we greet all who come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshipper here in God's house. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at Advent Lutheran Church.

Welcome Friends



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Advent's Purpose Statement: *"Loved by God, we share Christ's love with all"*